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DERATION OF ZAMBIAN COMPLAINT

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1. SUMMARY. UN SECURITY COUNCIL HELD PRO FORMA DEBATE
PM MARCH 16 ON THE ZAMBIAN COMPLAINT AGAINST SOUTHERN

RHODESIA. COUNCIL HEARD SPEECHES FROM CANADA, GABON, MAURITIUS, JAMAICA, CUBA, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, REPRESENTATIVE OF PATRIOTIC FRONT (GEORGE SILUNDIKA), KUWAIT, EGYPT, AND INDIA. INDIA INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION (SEPT), ON BEHALF OF NON ALIGNED, AND VOTE IS EXPECTED AM MARCH 17. END SUMMARY.

2. UN SECURITY COUNCIL MET MARCH 16 TO CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF ZAMBIAN COMPLAINT AGAINST SOUTHERN RHODESIA. SUMMARIES OF THE STATEMENTS FOLLOW:

(A) CANADA (BARTON): IN BRIEF STATEMENT, BARTON DEPLORED RHODESIAN'S LATEST HOSTILE ACT AGAINST ZAMBIA AND EXPRESSED CANADA'S BELIEF THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD CONDEMN ALL SUCH ACTS, WHETHER AGAINST ZAMBIA OR ANY OTHER NATION. HE CLOSED BY STATING THAT "SUCH A CONDEMNATION WILL MAKE CLEAR TO THE ILLEGAL MINORITY REGIME IN SALISBURY THAT ITS PURPORTED CHANGE IN HEART WITH RESPECT TO MAJORITY RULE CANNOT BE GIVEN CREDENCE IF ITS PRACTICE PERPETUATES HUMAN SUFFERING".

(B) GABON (N'DONG): DESCRIBING THE ATTACK ON ZAMBIA AS A PREMEDITATED WAR EFFORT AND A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, N'DONG CALLED ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO PROVE ONCE AGAIN ITS EFFECTIVENESS BY CONDEMNING THE ATTACK. IN ADDITION, HE EXPRESSED GABON'S VIEW THAT

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RHODESIA IS STILL A BRITISH COLONY. THE BRITISH REMAIN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRIMINAL ACTIONS OF THEIR COLONY AND MUST REMOVE SMITH FROM OFFICE.

(C) MAURITIUS (RAMPHUL): RAMPHUL BEGAN BY DESCRIBING THE AIR AND LAND ATTACK ON ZAMBIA. HE NOTED THAT ALL OF THE HELICOPTERS WHICH WERE USED WERE MANUFACTURED ABROAD AND SAID THAT SURELY THE GOVERNMENTS OF MANUFACTURE CAN TAKE ACTION TO CURTAIL THE USE OF THEIR PRODUCTS BY RHODESIA. HE WENT ON TO CONDEMN THIS ATTACK AND THE EARLIER ATTACK ON BOTSWANA AND TO CALL ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO BRING A HALT TO SUCH ACTS OF AGGRESSION.

(D) JAMAICA (MILLS): IN AVOWING FULL SUPPORT FOR THE STATEMENT GIVEN THE ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, MILLS CONDEMNED THE RHODESIAN ATTACK ON ZAMBIA. MILLS STATED THAT THE SMITH REGIME WAS A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. THE VERY ROOTS OF AGGRESSION WILL REMAIN IN AFRICA, HE SAID, UNLESS THE SMITH REGIME IS REMOVED. MILLS CLOSED BY CONDEMNING THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

(E) EGYPT (MEGUID): SAID THAT SMITH'S RAIDS INTO ZAMBIA AND BOTSWANA WERE DIRECT INDICATIONS THAT SMITH WANTED TO AVOID ANY NEGOTIATED SOLUTION. IN CALLING FOR THE COUNCIL TO CONDEMN THE ACTS OF AGGRESSION BY SMITH, MEGUID REQUESTED THAT THE COUNCIL SEEK TO BRING THE ILLEGAL REGIME TO AN END.

(F) CUBA (ALARCON): AFTER AFFIRMING SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA, ALARCON CALLED FOR STRINGENT SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE UN CHARTER AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MANDATORY OIL EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

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(G) GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (FLORIN): SPEAKING IN RUSSIAN, FLORIN CONDEMNED THE ACTS OF AGGRESSION BY SMITH AGAINST ZAMBIA AND SAID FURTHER THAT THE SALISBURY REGIME POSED A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. CONFIDENTIAL

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(H) PATRIOTIC FRONT REPRESENTATIVE (GEORGE SILUNDIKA): SILUNDIKA SAID THAT IT WAS THE SAD LOT OF HIS PEOPLE TO LIVE WITH A BRITISH CREATION AND THE "COUNCIL SHOULD NAIL THE RESPONSIBILITY SQUARELY ON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT" TO BRING CHANGE TO RHODESIA. HE FURTHER SAID THAT SMITH'S "FACIST ACTS OF AGGRESSION" WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS. SILUNDIKA ASSERTED THAT THE US AND THE UK HAVE LED SMITH TO BELIEVE THAT A "ONE MAN-ONE VOTE" GOVERNMENT WILL BRING INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION TO RHODESIA AND THAT THE SMITH REGIME HAS SOUGHT, WITH IMPUNITY, TO LEGITIMIZE ITSELF BY "PUTTING ON A BLACK MASK". HE CLOSED BY CLAIMING THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IS RESOLUTELY COMMITTED TO BRINGING DOWN THE SMITH REGIME THROUGH ARMED STRUGGLE.

(I) KUWAIT (BISHARA): BISHARA CONDEMNED THE SMITH REGIME FOR ITS ACTS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST ZAMBIA AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE COUNCIL MUST DEMAND AN END TO THE VIOLATIONS OF ZAMBIA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. HE FURTHER CALLED FOR EXPANDED SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA UNDER ARTICLE 41 OF THE CHARTER.

(J) INDIA (JAIPAL): JAIPAL TERMED THE ATTACK ON ZAMBIA A PERVERSE CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. IN CALLING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MANDATORY OIL EMBARGO, HE SAID, THAT IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO PASS RESOLUTIONS OF CONDEMNATION BUT THAT THE COUNCIL MUST PASS RESOLUTIONS OF ACTION. JAIPAL THEN INTRODUCED THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY THE NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. HE STATED THAT THE NON-ALIGNED PREFERRED A MUCH STRONGER RESOLUTION BUT THEY CHOSE TO LEAVE THAT DECISION TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE

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3. COMMENT: JAIPAL, IN INTRODUCING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, SUBTLY BUT CLEARLY INVITED OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SEEK TO AMEND THE NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION OR TO PRESENT THEIR OWN DRAFTS -- WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY CALL FOR EXPANDED SANCTIONS OR AN OIL EMBARGO. JAIPAL LATER TOLD AMB. MCHENRY THAT HE MERELY WANTED TO UNDERSCORE THAT IT WAS A WEAK RESOLUTION AND TO LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN FOR THE UK TO STRENGTHEN IT. COUNCIL WILL RESUME CONSIDERATION OF THE ZAMBIAN COMPLAINT AT 10:30 AM ON MARCH 17 AND VOTE IS EXPECTED AT THAT MEETING. END CONFIDENTIAL. YOUNG

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